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For the first time in many, many years and, probably for the first time ever, radio (XM radio) provides an incredible breadth and depth of music, a variety of talk shows and news outlets, and other entertainment. My wife and I are long-distance truck drivers and XM provides the means for us to maintain alertness and concentration on driving while listening to a wide variety of music and information not available anywhere else. Adding local content about weather and traffic conditions in a specific and known location, without the distraction of scaning the dial for what is available on AM or FM, may actually add to safety on the highways—something that we are very interested in. It seems a major contradiction for the government to approve restricting radio competition while promoting CAFTA and NAFTA and other free trade agreements. I would appreciate the FCC to say NO to the NAB's petition 04-160 and allow XM to air local weather and traffic conditions. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.